

# Teaching Comprehension with Narrative Texts



## CHARACTER TRAITS

WHO? I know...	CHARACTER TRAIT? is...	EVIDENCE? because in the text...

Date \_\_\_\_\_

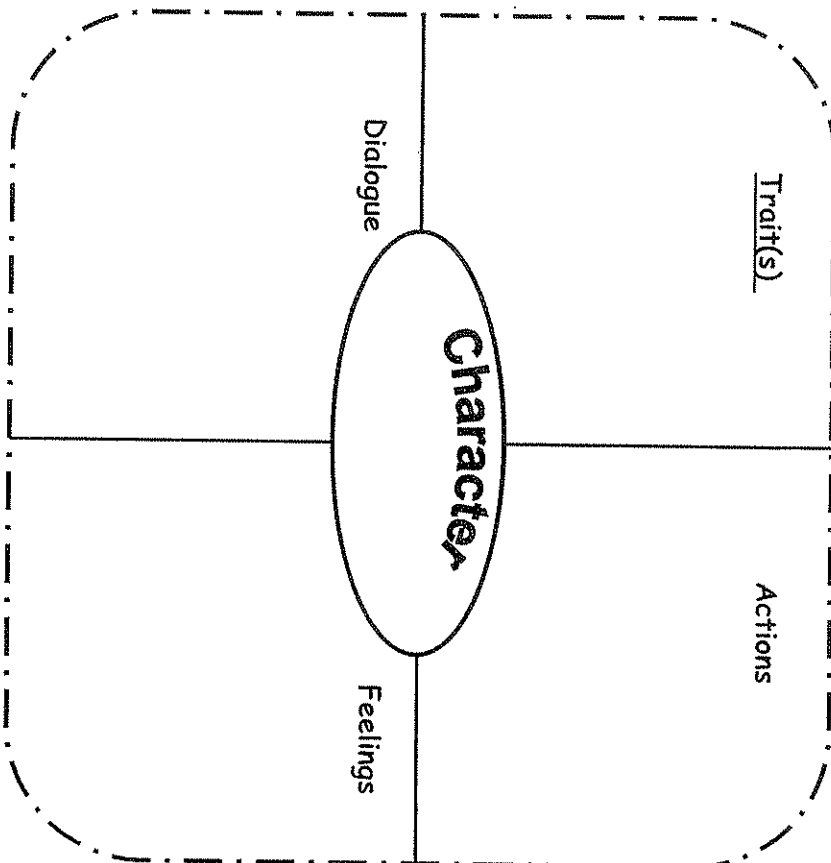
## Character Traits Reading Response

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

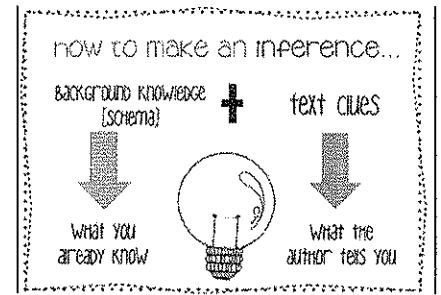
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## Making Inferences in Narrative Texts

### Vacation Under the Volcano (Chapter 2. The End is Near)



Jack opened his eyes. He pushed his glasses into place.<sup>1</sup>

Morgan was gone. And so were Jack's jeans, T-shirt, sneakers, and backpack.<sup>2</sup> Instead, he had on a white tunic with a belt, sandals that laced up, and a leather bag.

He looked at Annie. She was dressed the same way. Morgan had made them look just like kids in an ancient Roman town.

"I guess this is what Morgan meant," said Jack, "when she said she'd help us blend in."<sup>3</sup>

"I feel like Cinderella."<sup>4</sup> said Annie. "I like these clothes."

"Yeah," said Jack, although he felt a little like he was wearing a dress.<sup>5</sup>

Text/Page	Inference that needs to be made	Text information needed to make the inference	Background information needed
1 - pushed glasses into place	His glasses were out of place because he had been spinning so fast when Morgan made them travel back in time	"into place" suggests that his glasses were out of place on his head before	The faster and faster spinning would likely make someone's glasses slip out of place
2 - Jack's clothes gone	They disappeared when they traveled in time and he wouldn't need them in this new place because he had new clothes	Morgan was gone and so were his clothes – something strange had happened because he didn't take his clothes off himself	An understanding that when they spun, something happened to clothes and their location
3 - she'd help us blend in	They must be in an ancient Roman town and they don't want to stand out because that would lessen their chances of being able to find the lost story in the library	Need to connect ideas in multiple sentences...I guess this is what Morgan meant ...to what she said earlier, "I almost forgot, I'm going to help you blend in"	To blend in means to not stand out – they want to blend in so they don't look odd and get caught for not belonging there
4 - feel like Cinderella	Annie's whole outfit had been transformed – just like Cinderella when the fairy godmother gave her a beautiful gown	Text says Annie feels like Cinderella and she said she likes these clothes.	If read the story of Cinderella, would be familiar with this whole experience
5 - felt like he was wearing a tunic	The "tunic" that Jack was wearing must be something like a long dress.	Text describes Jack's feelings about his clothes and the previous sentence said he had on a white tunic with a belt	The meaning of the word tunic, or at least that it was a kind of shirt (rather than a hat, for example)

Work with your group members to choose at least three parts of your Magic Treehouse text where an inference is required. In the chart on the back, put the page number/text, the inference that needs to be made, the text and/or background information we need to make that inference. Use the examples we did together to guide your thinking.

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### "Right There"

"Right There" questions require you to go back to the passage and find the correct information to answer the question. These are sometimes called literal questions because the correct answer can be found somewhere in the passage. "Right There" questions sometimes include the words "According to the passage..." "How many..." "Who is..." "Where is..." "What is..."



### "Think and Search"

"Think and Search" questions usually require you to think about how ideas or information in the passage relate to each other. You will need to look back at the passage, find the information that the question refers to, and then think about how the information or ideas fit together. "Think and Search" questions sometimes include the words "The main idea of the passage..." "What caused..." "Compare/contrast..."



## Question-Answer Relationships



### "On My Own"

"On My Own" questions can be answered using your background knowledge on a topic. This type of question does not usually appear on tests of reading comprehension because it does not require you to refer to the passage. "On My Own" questions sometimes include the words "In your opinion..." "Based on your experience..." "Think about someone/something you know..."

### "Author and You"

"Author and You" questions require you to use ideas and information that is not stated directly in the passage to answer the question. These questions require you to think about what you have read and formulate your own ideas or opinions. "Author and You" questions sometimes include the words "The author implies..." "The passage suggests..." "The speaker's attitude..."

***Question-Answer Relationships (Vacation Under the Volcano) Chapter 5. Books? Books?***

Jack and Annie ran up to the front entrance of the villa. Jack pushed the door open.

"Go in. Hurry," said Annie.

They slipped into the main hall.

"Hello!" Annie called.

There was no answer. The place seemed empty. The main hall has a large opening in the ceiling. Below it was a small stone pool filled with water. Jack looked at it carefully.

"Oh, I bet rain comes through the hole," said Jack. "Then it lands in that pool so they can use it for their water."

He started to take out his notebook to make a note.

"There's no time, Jack!" said Annie. "We have to look in all the rooms for books!"

"Okay, okay, calm down," said Jack. He put away his notebook and followed Annie.

"Books? Books?" she said, peering into a room off the hall. She moved to the next room.

"Books? Books?" Then she moved on to the next.

Jack trailed behind her. Even though she had already checked the rooms, he took a quick peek in each of them. He wanted to see what a house in Roman times looked like. He'd write notes later.

**1. What room did Jack and Annie enter into first when they entered the villa?**

Right There (Literal)    Think and Search / Author & You (Inferential)    On My Own (Evaluative)

**2. Why did Jack take out his notebook to make a note about the hole in the ceiling?**

Right There (Literal)    Think and Search / Author & You (Inferential)    On My Own (Evaluative)

**3. How would you describe Annie's feelings at this point in their search?**

Right There (Literal)    Think and Search / Author & You (Inferential)    On My Own (Evaluative)

**4. If you had lived in this villa, would you have liked to get your water like they did?**

Right There (Literal)    Think and Search / Author & You (Inferential)    On My Own (Evaluative)

## **Question-Answer Relationships**

Select a 2-3 page section of text from your Magic Treehouse Book. Work with your partner(s) to develop one question (and the answer) for each category of questions.

Question 1: Right There

Q:

A:

Question 2: Think and Search

Q:

A:

Question 3: On My Own

Q:

A:

Question 4: Author and You

Q:

A: